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SHOTS FIRED NEAR CAMPUS DURING FOOTBALL GAME

The university sent out an alert about gunshots off campus near Hathorn Road on Saturday night.

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'MORNING JOE' GOES LIVE FROM THE SQUARE

Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski broadcasted their show live from the Square and spoke about politics and journalism at the Ford Center.

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OLE MISS LOSES BIG TO ALABAMA

The Crimson Tide exposed the Rebels' major weaknesses in 62-7 rout on Saturday. Where does Ole Miss go from here?

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Physics faculty offers free stargazing series



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David Sanders, a computational physicist and research scientist in the UM Physics Department, looks through a telescope in Kennon Observatory on Sunday night. UM students and Oxford families were offered a cloudless nighttime view of the Moon, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars on Sunday during the first astronomy open house of the semester. The event is free and occurs several times throughout the year. The observatory houses several telescopes in two copper-roofed domes. A telescope that was purchased from the Grubb Telescope Company in 1893 sits in the larger dome. In the smaller dome, the university maintains an electronic CCD camera attached to a 17-inch Plane Wave, Corrected Dall-Kirkham telescope.

STAFF REPORT

UM police search for driver who struck student

An unidentified driver struck an Ole Miss student walking on campus late Friday night in a hit-and-run now under investigation by University Police.

The pedestrian was severely injured after being struck in the hit-and-run around 2 a.m. on Saturday near the intersection of Northgate Drive and Sorority Road, according to a release by UM Communications. The student was found "a short time later" at the scene and transported to the hospital with severe injuries.

The press release ended, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the student and the student's family."

Jim Zook, UM associate vice chancellor for strategic communications and marketing, said on Sunday that there was no additional information available and that the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the UM Police Department at 662-915-7234.

Baria visits campus, appears on live MSNBC broadcast

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U.S. Senate candidate David Baria spent time in Oxford on Friday morning to appear on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" as it aired live from Bourne.

Later in the day, Baria sat down with The Daily Mississippian to talk about what he plans to do for college students, if he is elected.

Baria, a native of Jackson County, has been a

Democratic member of the Mississippi State legislature for nearly 11 years and has been the Mississippi House Minority Leader for two years. He's running against incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker.

Baria said he wants to see the state become more welcoming to college students and encourage millennials to become more engaged in elections.

"College-aged kids are one of the major reasons why

I'm an advocate of changing our state flag right away ... imagine what that would say to the world – that the state that was once called the most hateful place in America had decided to turn the corner."

David Baria
U.S. Senate candidate

I'm running," Baria said. "I have two daughters in college ... I want Mississippi to be the kind of place where they

want to live. Right now we're not providing the right type of environment for young people. I see millennials being

more engaged this go-round. I think that millennials have to be engaged. They have to understand that elections are important."

He said one of the ways the state can improve its image is by removing the state flag and creating a new one that is more inclusive of all Mississippians.

"I'm an advocate of changing our state flag right away," Baria said. "That's

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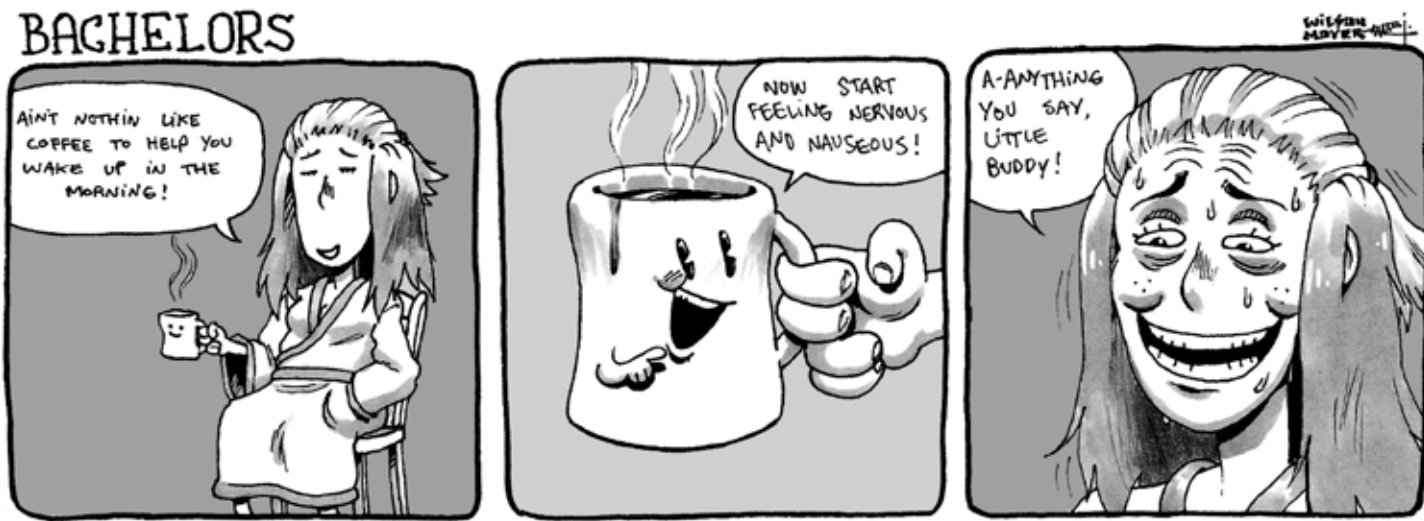
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The infamous potholes of Jackson, Mississippi

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Jackson is a place that many people call home and many others visit to go sightseeing. There is one thing, however, that isn't so beautiful — the road conditions of Jackson. WAPT reported that many Jackson residents have become concerned with the potholes throughout the city after a high school senior died after coming in contact with such a pothole, just days shy of her graduation ceremony. Sadly, Mississippi has the third-highest traffic fatality rate in the nation, so stories such as the one above are not uncommon. However, the problem lies not with the quantity of

potholes but with the quality of the road repair itself. Melinda McGrath, the executive director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), has expressed disagreement with the current procedures of road repair, stating, "We go out there and we do pothole patching. But the rain still gets in around those pothole edges, and they pop back out and the hole becomes larger ... so it's kind of (a) never-ending battle when the road gets really bad." So, why not fix it? Because by the time the roads reach a hazardous state, the cost to fix them will have increased significantly, and MDOT does not have the money for it. In fact, maintenance and construction make up 88 percent of the department's

total budget. In terms of budgets, Mississippi recently received funding toward its budget from an unlikely organization. Domino's began a campaign advocating for more straight and narrow streets on which delivery drivers can more easily protect their customers' pizzas. The company has been to several cities around the country and, now, has Jackson in its view. The generous corporation is donating \$5,000 to all of the cities it helps in order to repair potholes, cracks and bumps in the road. According to Bob Miller, Jackson's public works director, that money would be sufficient to repair about 40 potholes. So, while this monetary assistance is better than

absolutely nothing, it still isn't enough to put Jackson on the map and in the news for celebratory reasons. However, it is not the responsibility of Domino's to do so — it is the city's decision to appropriately disperse the money, according to importance. The conditions of Jackson's roads have become such an inconvenience that a major food corporation had to come in and offer some assistance to the city. Hopefully, this gesture will open the eyes of some of the Jackson councilmen and encourage them to take better precautions with their roads, for their citizens' sake.

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something that can be done relatively easily. I know it would be painful; I know it would be contentious. But it's relatively easy to do. It doesn't cost anything to do it, and imagine what that would say to the world — that the state that was once called the most hateful place in America had decided to turn the corner."

He also said the country has to start changing the way it views drug and alcohol offenses on college campuses by focusing more on rehabilitation and mental illness and not simply treating people who use drugs like criminals.

"We have people sitting in



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David Baria

county jails who, really, their only problem is that they're not treating their mental and emotional problems that cause them to become drug users and abusers ... then (they) commit crimes to support their drug habit," Baria said. "So you can break that cycle if you decide that you want to."

Baria said the state needs

two senators and four representatives who would serve as a check and stand up to President Donald Trump, but that he would still work with Trump when he presents good ideas that would benefit Mississippians.

"Donald Trump campaigned on ... fixing our nation's crumbling infrastructure," he said. "If he really wants to do something about that, he will find a willing partner in David Baria. And if there are other issues like that — that help Mississippi — then, absolutely, I'm going to work across the aisle to get that done."

The upcoming election, in which Mississippians will have the opportunity to vote to fill both of the state's U.S. Senate seats, will take place on Nov. 6.

STAFF REPORT

Shots fired near campus during Ole Miss-Alabama game

Oxford police are investigating reports of shots fired near the Ole Miss campus on Saturday night.

The university utilized its text message alert system to update students on the developing incident, which occurred off-campus while the football game versus Alabama was still underway.

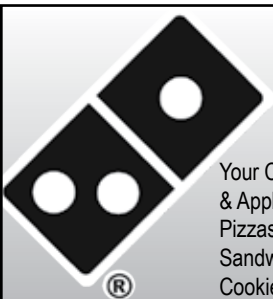
According to the Clery Daily Crime Log, University police received a request for assistance following a report

of shots fired into a house on Hathorn Road just before 8:00 p.m. Saturday.

The alert message sent out said the shots were fired near Hathorn Road and advised people to avoid the area.

Just after 8:30 p.m., another alert said the area had been cleared and asked that anyone with information contact the Oxford Police Department.

OPD declined to provide an update on the ongoing investigation on Sunday.



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University welcomes ‘Morning Joe’ anchors to campus

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Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski of MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” spoke to a crowded auditorium on Friday night at the Gertrude C. Ford Center.

Scarborough and Brzezinski discussed the state of journalism and politics during the Trump administration with award-winning authors Jon Meacham and Walter Isaacson. The event was sponsored by the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics and by Mississippi Today.

The panel focussed on the rise of President Donald Trump and his 2016 presidential campaign, and Scarborough said Trump’s strategy would not be replicated a second time.

“It just so happened that Hillary Clinton did not campaign in Wisconsin, didn’t campaign enough in Michigan, did not campaign in the industrial Northwest,” Scarborough said. “And Donald Trump figured out how to win with enough white votes. Mark it down right now —



PHOTO COURTESY: ERIC J. SHELTON | MISSISSIPPI TODAY

Joe Scarborough, right, and Mika Brzezinski speak during the Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski: Live at the Ford Center event at Oxford University Friday.

that will never happen again.”

An audience member asked the panel how journalists

should act and respond to a president who often has a contentious relationship

with the media. Scarborough said he and Brzezinski decide each day not to act like “the world is coming to an end,” regardless of what the president says.

“Marty Baron, who is the editor of The Washington Post, put up a sign in his newsroom, and I think it should be in every newsroom, especially in the age of Trump. But it’s good for any time,” Scarborough said. “It says, ‘We are not going to war; we are going to work,’ and that’s something that Mika and I have to tell each other before the show.”

Earlier that morning, Scarborough and Brzezinski hosted their show at Boure on the Square, where the show was centered around the historic Senate elections that will take place in November. This year, Mississippians will have the opportunity to vote in two different Senate elections. The pair sat down with U.S. Senate candidates Chris McDaniel, Mike Espy and David Baria to discuss their platforms.

Curtis Wilkie, an Overby Fellow and Cook Chair of Journalism at Ole Miss, and Adam Ganuchau, a political reporter for

Mississippi Today and former editor-in-chief of The Daily Mississippian, were also on the set to provide their thoughts on the upcoming historic Senate elections.

Before the program, Scarborough and Brzezinski talked with The Daily Mississippian and emphasized the national importance of Mississippi’s upcoming U.S. Senate races.

“This is just crazy,” Scarborough said. “After the elections in November, we could have a black progressive in Florida (and) a black progressive in Georgia. There’s a possibility of having a black United States Senator in Mississippi ... that would be remarkable.”

Brzezinski said Friday’s program was a part of a larger conversation that the entire country needs to have about this election cycle.

“It’s fascinating to me — the impact that this president is having on America,” Brzezinski said. “It’s not just about left and right anymore. It’s about fact and fiction, and I personally think that the media needs to be out there, front-and-center, as best it can and in any way it can, sticking directly to the facts.”



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UM Film Festival adds one-minute film competition

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There are 1,440 of them in a day, but the University of Mississippi Department of Theatre & Film is asking for just one. In an effort to make entry-level filmmaking accessible to students, the department added a one-minute film competition to the 2018 UM Film Festival.

Submissions are open through Sept. 21, and the one-minute competition isn't just open to university students. There's a separate category for high school students to which any student in the U.S. can submit. The university category is open to all current and former students as well as current faculty and staff members.

The festival typically happens during the spring semester but was moved to Oct. 12-13 so that the theatre department could become more involved with the Oxford Film Festival.

This expansion of the festival is just one of the many recent changes marking the university's added emphasis on film studies. The theatre department rebranded last semester as the Department of Theatre & Film after the announcement of a newly offered Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in film production.

The new BFA program launched this semester and currently has 13 of its 16 available slots filled. Four of these students are sophomores who decided to stay at Ole Miss

an extra year so that they could join and complete the major.

What would grow into the one-minute film competition started as just an extra credit project.

Harrison Witt, assistant professor of film production, gave the option to his introduction to cinema class. The course focuses on film appreciation, and Witt wanted to find a way for students to get the level of appreciation he says can only come from making a film yourself.

Witt said he tells students approaching one-minute films to “think about it in terms of a novel versus a short story versus a fortune cookie.” However, he said the shorter runtime does not inherently mean less effort is needed.

“Think about the level of production value that goes into commercials,” Witt said. “I’ve spent three days working on a commercial that was going to be 30 seconds long. That’s crazy.”

After his initial test run, Witt made the one-minute film assignment a regular part of the class curriculum. He said the results were so positive that he decided to add it to the UM Film Festival.

Tony King, a sophomore theatre major with a film emphasis, said he plans on submitting to the one-minute film competition as well as to the separate competition for longer films.

Last year, King won in the “Body of Short Films” category at the UM Film

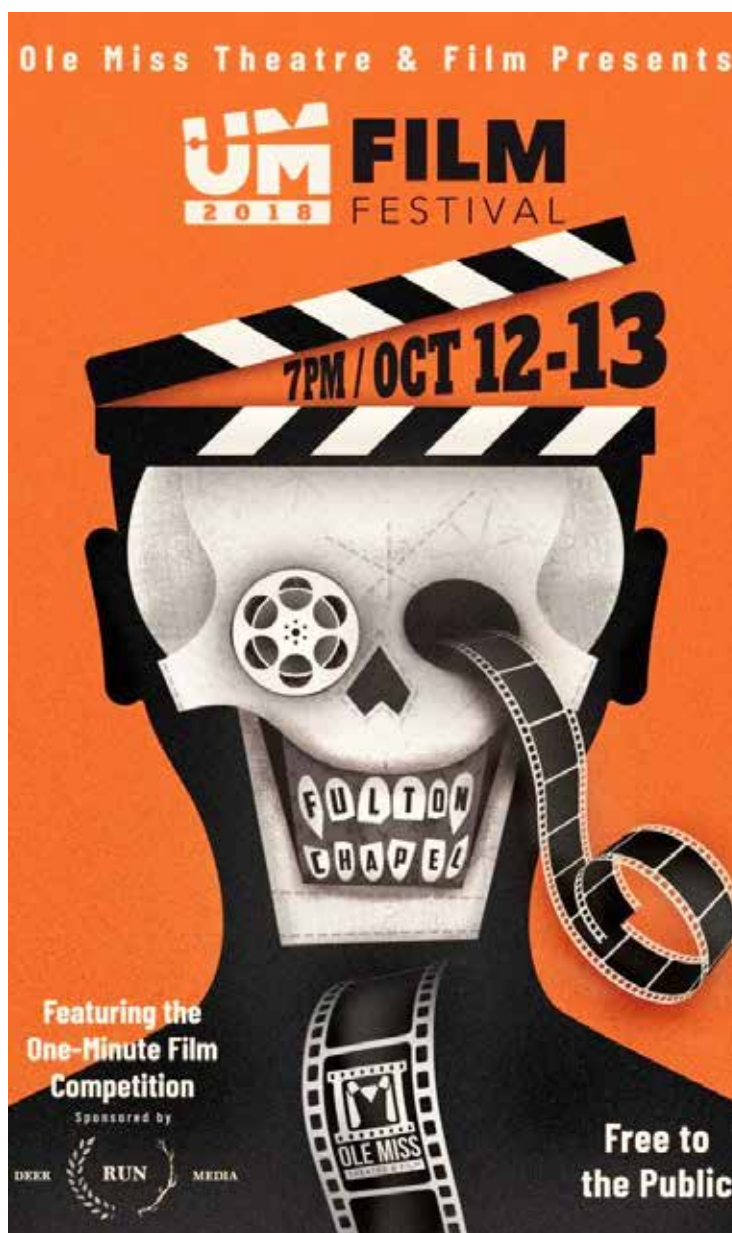


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Festival for three of his short films. He said the best of the three was a one-minute comedy titled “Budget Dude” that he made for Witt’s class.

King said the unique challenges of producing a one-minute film make it easier to fail than with longer

pieces.

"You really have to focus on the point," King said. "It's easy to pack in a bunch a

jokes, but at the end, there has to be a point to it.”

To accomplish this, King said he completely flips his typical process.

“I start at the end,” King said. “This is what I want to accomplish ... (then I) fill the rest in.”

Sarah Hennigan, who joined the UM staff last month as an assistant professor of film production, said she has consistently found that the limits of the one-minute format make students more creative.

“(Students) work really hard on finding those very specific, nuanced parts of storytelling in order to make it work,” Hennigan said.

One-minute films are also appealing to the festival because they allow multiple entries representing a variety of genres. Hennigan said that because the projects don't take up much time, viewers are more willing to consider a film that is from a genre they might not usually prefer.

Witt said Oxford is ready for a film culture much greater than the foundation that is already here.

"I think having a flagship university with an exceptional film program where our actors are working with our filmmakers is going to create something really unique," Witt said. "Not just in this area, but in the country."

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Oxford's Morning Newspaper

A full-page poster for the Miss University Scholarship Pageant. On the left, a young woman with blonde hair, Charley Ann Nix, is smiling and wearing a blue sleeveless dress with a decorative belt. She is also wearing a tiara. The background shows a building with white columns. On the right, there is text in red and blue. At the bottom left, it says 'CHARLEY ANN NIX MISS UNIVERSITY 2018'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'saa' with a red line graphic and the text 'and activities association' below it.

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The Ole Miss Rebels played the Memphis Tigers in a home match on Sunday night and fell to a strong Memphis team in a hard-fought 2-0 contest.

The Rebels got off to a rocky start against Memphis. In the fourth minute of the game, the Rebels conceded a well-placed strike by the Tigers' forward Marie Levasseur that gave Memphis a lead it held for the entirety of the match.

Ole Miss struggled for most of the first half, with zero shots in the opening 30 minutes, but the Rebels were able to open up the game in the final 15 minutes of the half, with three shots during that stretch.

Goalkeeper Marnie Merritt made two saves in the first half — following Memphis' opening goal — to keep the deficit at one



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Julia Phillips attempts to keep the ball away from a Memphis player on Sunday night. Memphis won the game 2-0.

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going into halftime.

Ole Miss head coach Matt Mott made some changes to his tactics at halftime, focusing on pressuring higher up the pitch

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and causing some problems for the Tigers' midfielders.

"We talked about pressing a little higher and bringing the intensity up a little bit," Mott said.

Ole Miss was able to create more attacking opportunities in the second half but couldn't take advantage of its few strong counterattack opportunities or a free kick from a dangerous spot for the Tigers. The pressure led to a chance to tie it up early in the second half as Channing Foster headed a shot toward the Tiger goal in the 51st minute, but the ball failed to make it to the net.

Merritt came up with another save 10 minutes into the second half and quickly distributed the ball to set up a Rebel counterattack.

The Rebels conceded their second goal to the Tigers in the 69th minute, despite a good effort from Merritt. The senior finished with four saves in the game. While Merritt had a good performance, she and the team couldn't get the result they

wanted.

"We've got to go back and watch the film and clean up little things," Merritt said.

Merritt gave Memphis plenty of credit for the good game, but she emphasized that you can't give up a goal in the first four minutes of a game — a point that Mott reiterated.

"They have a one-goal lead, and we've got to chase them now. It makes it hard for us," Mott said.

Despite zero goals from Foster, CeCe Kizer and Haleigh Stackpole, the three of them were the main points of attack and were responsible for seven of the Rebels' 10 shots on goal, with Kizer feeding Stackpole for an excellent opportunity with 12 minutes remaining. This game marked the first time the Rebel offense had been shut out all year.

Following the tough loss, the 7-3 Rebels have a home game versus Tennessee at 6 p.m. on Thursday in Oxford.

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Women's Golf poised for another tournament run

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Ole Miss Women's Golf kicks off its 2018-19 season today, as the team competes in the two-day Mercedes Benz Collegiate Championship in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Rebels are led by head coach Kory Henkes and assistant coach Drew Belt, both of whom are in their fourth year at the helm of the women's golf program.

The Rebels are coming off their best season in school history, having advanced to the NCAA Championships for the first time in school history and earned three team wins during the memorable 2017-18 campaign.

Ole Miss earned wins at the Magnolia Invitational, Palmetto Intercollegiate and Rainbow Wahine Invitational. The Rebels matched or broke 12 different single-season records last season, including their impressive single-season stroke average of 295.26, which was an Ole Miss Women's Golf all-time best.



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Conner Beth Ball drives the ball during the 36-hole opening day of The Ocean Course Invitational at Kiawah Island Golf Resort in 2017.

Ole Miss returns all five of their main contributors from last season, including Conner Beth Ball, Pi-Lillebi Hermansson, Julia Johnson, Kie Purdom and Diane Lim.

Johnson, a sophomore, led the Rebels with a 72.9 stroke average last season, breaking the school record for freshman stroke average. The St. Gabriel, Louisiana, native earned two

individual wins last season and was named to the 2018 SEC All-Freshman team along with being named the 2018 SEC Freshman of the Year.

Ball, a sophomore, was also a member of the 2018 SEC All-Freshman team with Johnson. The Starkville native finished the season with a 74.7 stroke average and totaled up two top-five finishes. Ball was also

a member of the 2018 SEC Community Service Team.

Hermansson, a junior from Djursholm, Sweden, finished last season with a 75.2 stroke average and two top-10 finishes.

Seniors Purdom and Lim will both return, bringing some experience to the relatively young Rebels. Purdom is a Lexington, Kentucky, native who finished her junior

campaign with a 75.5 stroke average. Lim is a Suwanee, Georgia, native who finished second on the team last season with a 74.4 stroke average.

Following the Mercedes Benz Collegiate Championship, the Rebels will have a couple weeks off before heading out west from Oct. 5-7 to play in the Ron Moore Women's Intercollegiate in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, at the Highlands Ranch Golf Course. From Oct. 14-16, Ole Miss will host the Magnolia Invitational at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point.

Then, from Oct 20-21, the Rebels will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to play in the Cardinal Cup at the University of Louisville Golf Course. From Oct. 28-29, Ole Miss will wrap up the fall portion of the season as the team travels to San Marcos, Texas, to take part in the Jim West Challenge at Kissing Tree Golf Club. Following the Jim West Challenge, the Rebels will be off until Feb. 25.

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Ole Miss' offense has to be much better going forward

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It happened, again. Alabama beat Ole Miss, again.

The Tide came to Oxford and made an example out of Ole Miss. After a brief moment of glory following Jordan Ta'amu's touchdown pass to D.K. Metcalf on the first play of the game, the Crimson Tide demonstrated just how dangerous it is.

The Rebel defense didn't surprise anyone this week. Allowing 62 points is unacceptable against any team, especially Alabama, but nobody is surprised. The gunslinging Tua Tagovailoa makes Alabama practically unstoppable on offense, and with Jalen Hurts as his backup quarterback, Alabama head coach Nick Saban has nothing to worry about, under center.

What was surprising, though, was the major lack of production from the Rebel offense. We know how good the Alabama defense is — how much talent it has on that side of the ball. However, Ole Miss' offense absolutely cannot be held to seven points if the Rebels want to have any chance at a win.

The Ole Miss offense simply has too much firepower to only put seven on the board. Coming into the game, Ole Miss ranked third nationally in scoring offense, Scottie Phillips ranked fourth nationally in rushing yards and the passing offense ranked second in the country. On Saturday though, none of the above factors were effective in the least.

Ta'amu completed seven passes on the day, for 133 yards. If you take away his early 75-yard touchdown, that brings his numbers down



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Ole Miss defense attempts to take down Alabama running back Najee Harris on Saturday. Alabama won the game 62-7.

to 6-21 for 58 yards and two picks. It was easily his worst game as the starter.

Phillips was largely ineffective on the ground, which didn't help the passing game's woes. He ran for 44 of Ole Miss' 115 rushing yards, but it just wasn't enough to make a difference in the game.

I don't expect Ole Miss to play like this again all season. I don't think anyone on the Rebels' schedule has

the capability to hold them to seven on the scoreboard, the way Alabama did. It just won't happen. This team is too talented for it to happen again, and if it does, there will be consequences.

What consequences, I don't know, but change will be necessary. Losing to Alabama by a combined 128-10 over the past two years just can't happen. It's embarrassing to the university.

Obviously, the defense is the glaring weakness of this team, but we knew that coming in. The offense, on the other hand, has no excuse for its performance on Saturday. Alabama has one of the best defenses in the country again — as they have consistently had under Saban — but Ole Miss is supposed to have one of the best offenses in the nation. The Rebel offense is supposed to be ready for

challenges like Alabama so that it can prove its greatness to the rest of the country.

Maybe this offense isn't who we thought they were, after all.

Next week Ole Miss hosts Kent State in the Vaught in a game that Ole Miss should win easily. Then, the Rebels have their second big test of the year: LSU. After failing its first test so pathetically, I expect Ole Miss to have a much better showing in Baton Rouge.

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